

whom it was named. *Caragana arborescens* has become almost a necessary hedge and shelter-belt plant on the Canadian Great Plains, and it is coming to a better appreciation in our own Northwest. A beautiful, striking, prostrate form (No. 41480) to which Mr. Norman M. Ross, of Indian Head, directed attention last year, and which he has since sent us, can scarcely fail to be of value for dooryard planting in the coldest portions of our country.

It always gives a feeling of satisfaction to realize that a tree introduction has reached a stage where it is producing a supply of seed in this country. The Queensland nuts (No. 41472) sent in from Homestead, Fla., by Mrs. L. L. Bow were produced by a tree sent to her by this office in 1911. Its productiveness and the quality of the nuts indicate that this new nut tree, which furnishes a basis for a small industry in Australia, is a promising one for Florida at least.

Collections of seven winter-wheat varieties (Nos. 41510 to 41516) from Baluchistan, presented by Mr. A. Howard of the Indian Service, and of eighteen varieties (Nos. 41342 to 41356 and 41682 to 41684) from Pusa, India, should yield something valuable for the wheat breeders.

The hybrids between the American chinkapin and the Japanese chestnut (Nos. 41357 to 41360), made by Dr. Walter Van Fleet, bear nuts which in size and sweetness should recommend them to the serious attention of nut growers.

The Mascarene grass (*Osterdamia tenuifolia*, No. 41509.) which has been used so extensively by the Japanese for lawns, but which comes from the island of Guam, has already shown its remarkable lawn-making character in southern Florida, where lawns are most difficult to maintain.

A species of *Rubus* (No. 41676) from Darjiling, making a growth of 20 feet and said to be the most robust of the genus, together with five other species from the same section of the Himalayas, may have special interest for breeders, even though they may not do well generally.

Those Americans who have tried in vain to grow as a border plant the brilliant *Calceolaria* so common in Great Britain may be glad to test as a substitute the

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